



SUPERIOR COURT OF KITSAP COUNTY

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Ms. Penny Allen

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Re: Request for Public Records

Dear Ms. Allen:

On January 22, 2019, you responded to my letter dated January 22, 2019 with the following clarification:

"To clarify, I am seeking the following information for Kitsap County Juvenile department employees' Charles Stevenson and Saeed Saber:

**Date/s of hire*

**Job Description/s*

**Qualifications*

In cases where they were transferred or promoted within their time of employment, I would like those dates, job descriptions and qualifications as well.

If an exemption applies to all or part of a record, the exempt content can be withheld or deleted (redacted). Exemptions should be narrowly construed to promote the public policy of disclosure. Please disclose the existence of records withheld as exempt and state their exemptions."

Your original request was made under the Washington Public Records Act, RCW 42.56 (hereinafter "PRA"). While the PRA is a Washington State statute, it does not apply to the judiciary, including the Kitsap County Juvenile Court. *Spokane & Eastern Lawyer v. Tompkins*, 136 Wn.App. 616, 150 P.3d 158 (2007), review denied 162 Wn.2d 1004, 175 P.3d 1092 (2007); *City of Federal Way v. Koenig*, 167 Wn.2d 341, 343, 217 P.3d 1172 (2009), citing *Nast v. Michels*, 107 Wn.2d 300, 730 P.2d 54 (1986); *Beuhler v. Small*, 115 Wn.App. 914, 64 P.3d 78 (2003). However, because requests for court administrative records are permissible under Washington State General Rule 31.1, we are construing your request under that provision.

As the substitute Kitsap County Juvenile Court Public Records Officer, I began my review on January 25, 2019, for court administrative records responsive to your clarified request.

Regarding Charles Stevenson, I discovered a total of two (2) pages of responsive records. Absent written objection from Mr. Stevenson, who must be notified of this request under Superior Court policy¹, these documents will be provided, with authority for redacted information, by February 18, 2019.

¹ Available at: https://spf.kitsapgov.com/juv/Documents/Record_Request_Policy.pdf

Regarding Saeed Saber, I discovered a total of thirty-six (36) pages of responsive documents, fifteen (15) have been determined as exempt by our civil attorney per GR 31.1(j) and RCW 42.56.250(2). The remaining documents will be provided with this letter with authority for redacted information.

This completes and closes your request for juvenile court administrative records submitted January 16, 2019 regarding Saeed Saber.

Sincerely,



Michael Merringer
Director of Juvenile Services
Kitsap County Juvenile and Family Court Services